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SUBJ: RHODESIA: NKOMO REMARKS AT REFUGEE CAMP ON MALTA II

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF TRANSCRIPT OF JOSHUA NKOMO'S REMARKS
APRIL 16 AT ZAPU-RUN REFUGEE CAMP OUTSIDE LUSAKA. THESE ARE
TRANSMITTED VERBATIM SINCE THEY ADDRESS THE DAR MALTA II
MEETING IN TERMS OF WHAT NKOMO BELIEVES WAS AGREED. BEGIN
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VICTORY CAMP

WE THOUGHT WE COULD MARRY THEM TOGETHER KPATRIOTIC FRONT (PF)
AND ANGLO-AMERICAN (AA) PROPOSALS). IT WAS DIFFICULT TO
MIX WATER AND OIL, BUT WE HAVE TRIED.

THE CONFERENCE WAS QUITE PRODUCTIVE. WE MADE SUBSTANTIAL

PROGRESS BUT WE HAD A DIFFICULTY IN THAT THE ANGLO-AMERICANS, ALTHOUGH THE MEETING WAS GOOD, WERE NOT FORTHCOMING. WE MOVED TOWARDS THEM AS FAR AS WE COULD BUT THE MOVEMENT WAS NOT RECIPROCATED.

NOW WE AGREE THAT DURING THE INTERIM PERIOD THERE WILL BE A UNITED NATIONS PRESENCE IN THE FORM OF A MILITARY FORCE AND A POLICE FORCE. WE AGREED THAT THAT FORCE, THAT IS THE MILITARY FORCE, WILL HAVE TO BE GIVEN A STRICT MANDATE TO PERFORM THOSE THINGS WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE PERFORMED, AND THAT THESE FORCES WILL BE USED TO ASSIST IN THE DECOLONIZATION OF SOUTHERN RHODESIA. AT NO TIME SHALL WE ACCEPT THE USE OF THE FORCES TO SUPPRESS THE STRUGGLING MASSES OF ZIMBABWE. THAT WAS THE SPIRIT BEHIND THAT ACCEPTANCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS FORCE. WE AGREED THAT THERE SHALL BE A CIVILIAN POLICE FORCE AND THAT THAT CIVILIAN POLICE FORCE WILL WORK HAND IN HAND WITH AN INTEGRATED POLICE FORCE--INTEGRATED IN THAT THERE SHOULD BE ACCEPTABLE ELEMENTS OF THE REGIME FORCES AS WELL--ADDED TO THE PATRIOTIC FRONT POLICE FORCE. I MUST STATE HERE THAT THE AA SAID THAT WAS A FUNDAMENTAL CHANGE, BUT THAT IT WILL HAVE TO BE PRESENTED TO OTHER PARTIES CONCERNED WHATEVER THAT MEANT.

BUT WE MADE IT PERFECTLY CLEAR THAT THE CONCESSION WE MADE TOWARDS THE POWERS OF THE RESIDENT COMMISSIONER--AND THOSE POWERS INVOLVE EXECUTIVE POWERS FOR HIM IN THE FIELD OF LAW AND ORDER AND DEFENCE--THIS WAS GIVEN CONDITIONALLY THAT THE PF

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POLICE FORCE AS WELL AS PF MILITARY WILL BE PRESENT AND ACTIVE DURING THE INTERIM PERIOD. WE ALSO--I DON'T KNOW WHETHER I'LL SAY WE AGREED--(GOVERNING COUNCIL) I THINK THE BRITISH ACCEPTED THAT ONE BUT LATER CHANGED THEIR MIND LATER AND WE ARE NOT VERY CERTAIN WHETHER THEY HAVE ACCEPTED IT OR NOT--WE AGREED THAT THE GOVERNING COUNCIL WHICH WILL BE COMPOSED IN SUCH A MANNER THAT THE PF HAS A SMALL MAJORITY BECAUSE WE STATED THAT THE PF IS THE FORCE THAT HAS BROUGHT ABOUT CHANGE AND THAT APART FROM BEING THE FORCE THAT BROUGHT ABOUT CHANGE, IF WE ARE TO AGREE TO A CEASEFIRE WE MUST BE CERTAIN THAT OUR FIREPOWER IS REPOSED IN THIS COUNCIL. THIS IS WHY WE HAVE MADE IT PLAIN THAT IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT WE MUST HAVE A SMALL MAJORITY. NOW I USE THE WORD SMALL MAJORITY ADVISEDLY. I WON'T SAY WHY. WE ALSO.....WELL THE QUESTION OF THE FORCE HAS NOT YET BEEN RESOLVED BUT IT IS I THINK ACCEPTED BY ALL OF US, THE ANGLO-AMERICANS AND OURSELVES, THAT I SHALL PUT IT THIS WAY. THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS THEMSELVES SAY THE ZIMBABWE FORCE- WILL BE BASED ON THE PF FORCES. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOT WORKED OUT WHAT THESE FORCES WILL BE WE MADE IT PLAIN THAT WE WOULD LIKE --APART FROM OUR POLICE--WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE PF FORCES PATROL THE COUNTRY TOGETHER WITH THE FORCES OF THE UN. THE ANGLO-AMERICANS REMINDED US THAT....BUT WELL WE

AGREED THAT ACCEPTABLE ELEMENTS OF THE REGIME FORCES
SHOULD BE INCORPORATED INTO THE PF FORCES. WE SAID YES BECAUSE
WE DID AGREE AND IT'S QUIT POSSIBLE THAT THIS PATROLLING MIGHT
BE DONE BY THE PF AS WELL AS THE UN IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE
ACCEPTABLE FORCES OF THE REGIME. THIS IS A SUBJECT THAT HAS STILL
TO BE DISCUSSED. AS YOU KNOW WE WENT TO THAT CONFERENCE. BEFORE
WE HAD GOT TO THAT CONFERENCE, WE HAD TO BE SATISFIED THAT THAT
CONFERENCE WAS A RESUMED MALTA CONFERENCE BECAUSE WHEN WE LEFT
MALTA WE AGREED THAT THAT WAS AN ADJOURNMENT WHICH WE WERE GOING
TO RESUME. SO WE HAD TO BE QUITE SATISFIED THAT THAT WAS A
RESUMED MALTA CONFERENCE THAT HAD TO DEAL WITH MILITARY AND
ASSOCIATED PROBLEMS. SO WE DID DEAL WITH MILITARY AND ASSOCIATED
PROBLEMS, BUT BECAUSE THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS ARE DIVIDED
INTO TWO SECTIONS WE AGREED TO ATTEND A CONFERENCE TO BE HELD
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LATER. THE ANGLO-AMERICANS HAD PROPOSED THE 24-25 BUT YESTERDAY IT

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APPEARED THEY WERE RELUCTANT TO BE SUMMONED FOR THOSE DATES.
THEY WERE SUGGESTING APRIL OR LATE MAY BUT THE PF WAS READY
TO ATTEND, AND WE TOLD THEM THAT, BUT THEY WERE A BIT RELUCTANT.....

THESE ARE THEIR PROPOSALS, BUT THEY DON'T WANT TO MENTION THEM
NOW. I DON'T KNOW WHY. TO US THE CONFERENCE TO BE SUMMONED
TO FOLLOW THE RESUMED MALTA CONFERENCE IS GOING TO BE A CONFERENCE
TO DEAL WITH THE INDEPENDENCE CONSTITUTION OF ZIMBABWE.

QUESTION: HAVE YOU AGREED ON THE POWERS OF THE RESIDENT
COMMISSIONER?

ANSWER: WE GAVE HIM THE POWERS. NOW THAT IS PROVIDED WE AGREE
ON THE PRESENCE--PHYSICAL PRESENCE--OF THE PF POLICE FORCE AND
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ARMY DURING THE INTERIM.

Q: WILL THE RESIDENT COMMISSIONER SUPERVISE ELECTIONS?

A: I'LL TELL YOU WHO SUPERVISES THE ELECTIONS. NOW WHAT WE
AGREED PROVIDED WE AGREE WITH THE BRITISH THAT THE PF POLICE
FORCE WILL BE PART OF THE POLICE FORCE THAT WILL POLICE
THE COUNTRY DURING THE INTERIM, WE GAVE THE RESIDENT COMMISSIONER
EXECUTIVE POWERS AS I'VE SAID ON THESE TWO THINGS--LAW AND ORDER
AS WELL AS DEFENCE, AND....BUT THAT LEGISLATIVE POWERS IN ALL
FIELDS SHALL BE EXERCIZED BY THE GOVERNING COUNCIL. NOW AS
TO WHO WILL SUPERVISE THE ELECTIONS IT WILL BE THE UN FORCES.

WE DON'T CALL IT ALL PARTY CONFERENCE, WE CALL IT CONSTITUTIONAL
CONFERENCE.

THEY DON'T WANT TO EXPLAIN (WHAT ALL PARTY CONFERENCE IS).
THERE'S AN INCLINATION TOWARD CERTAIN THINGS.

ARMED STRUGGLE SHALL CONTINUE DURING THE PERIOD UNTIL WE ARE
SATISFIED THAT WE AGREED ON THE MECHANISM OF THE TRANSFER OF
POWER FROM MINORITY TO MAJORITY.

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